



The Shepherd's Voice

April 9, 2013

By Fr. Joe Rees

'Breakfast With Jesus'

Jesus said, **"Bring some of the fish which you have caught...Come and have breakfast."**

--John 21: 10-12

The disciples went fishing all night, as much in depression as anything else, since Jesus was gone. As day was breaking, Jesus was suddenly there standing on the beach. They all saw Him and He invited them to 'cast their net on the right-hand side of the boat' since they had caught nothing all night. Sure enough, they haul in 153 fish! Jesus invites them to come ashore (since they were only about 100 yards off) and have something to eat. Yes, Jesus, alive again, wanted to share breakfast with them. The text says that Jesus 'already' had a charcoal fire lit and fish was laid on the fire with warm bread! Jesus was ready for them. He knew they would be in the position they were in...lack of food, lack of faith, lack of future life!

How like Jesus to come to us when we are in our greatest need...and sometimes when we don't even realize we have that great a need. Jesus knows our needs even before we ask Him.

He gently invites His disciples to come over and have breakfast with Him. He wants to enjoy their company. He desires their communication, their personalities, even their quirky characteristics. He loves them. Just like you and I need someone to communicate with, to allow our personalities to be shared with others, to even bring our foibles into our relationships with others; yes, we need to have company...we need to love and be loved! We need Jesus in that company too. We need His love. He wants to start every day with you. He wants to have breakfast with you every day! I believe that it's vital to start each day with Jesus. So, why don't you? Some people have breakfast with the

newspaper, or the TV news, or some list of activities they have to do that day. Why not start the day with a conversation with Jesus at the table with you. Perhaps it might be a short devotional like "Day by Day" or "Journey with Jesus" or some other that is easily readable even while you are having that bowl of cereal (we don't eat fish for breakfast much anymore). Jesus was setting a pattern of life for His disciples in greeting them for breakfast. That's because when you start the day with Jesus, all things tend to go according to His will and in His way. The day becomes good and filled with joy. The day is meaningful both to you and to the Lord Jesus Christ, our God! That's the way to live life!!

My hope is that all of us will start every day with Jesus; continue to have lunch and dinner and desert with Him too! The day by day conversation that we have with Him will not be forgotten over the course of your lifetimes nor will He forget your devotion to Him in desiring first and foremost to have fellowship with your Savior and Lord, first thing in the morning! Tomorrow morning, wake up and have breakfast with Jesus!

Love in Christ,
Fr. Joe

Sunday Servers this week...

April 14, 2013	3 rd Sunday of Easter	9:00 a.m.	
First Reader	Acts 9:1-19	Alex Teixeira	
Psalm Reader	Psalm 33	Anna Teixeira	
Second Reader	Revelation 5:6-14	Judy Gillease	
Intercessor		Rob Ackerman	
Lay Euch. Ministers		John & Myrna Lipnicke	
Acolytes		Rob Ackerman, Damon Woods, Dasaiahmarie Viray	
Welcomers		Anna Teixeira, Paula Sholly	
Ushers		Dink Nash, Ted Vallas, Jackie Lansing, April Knowles	
Vestry Person of Day		Jackie Lansing	
Healing Ministers		Kari Campbell, Rudy Theobald, Kay & Alfred Focke	
Announcer		Trish Stewart	
Counters			Michael Murphv & Cline Handv

New Christian Formation Evening Series starting Tuesday, April 23

The Seven I AM Statements of Jesus

Are you drawn by the Holy Spirit to know, love, and serve God even more deeply with all your mind, heart, and soul? This study is for you.

Larry Warner, author of *Journey with Jesus*, will be teaching a special Christian Formation series on the Seven I AM statements of Jesus on **Tuesday evenings** at the church, between **April 23 and June 4**.

You recall that Jesus asks his disciples the question "who do you say that I am?" and then in the Gospel of John Jesus provides 7 I AM statements that answer that very question. In our study we will spend each week exploring and pondering a different "I am" statement of Jesus. This will be a time to get to know Jesus in a deeper way, strengthen our faith and rekindle our first love.....that we may love and serve others more deeply and authentically in His Name.

Join us on Tuesdays starting April 23: Fellowship dinner @ **6:30 PM with teaching @7PM.**

Contact churchoffice@graceanglicanchurch.com or Deacon Sue Bentley SusanBentley@roadrunner.com to Register for this Christian Formation Series today!

New Small Group Orientation Session

Journey with Jesus

Led by Author and Spiritual Director Larry Warner

**Saturday, April 27, 2013, 9:30 AM
Grace Anglican Church**

In *Journey with Jesus*, author and spiritual director, Larry Warner guides us through the Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius in a "doable" format, to appropriately accommodate participants as they actively engage in the prayers and Scripture readings focused on the life of Christ.

Over the past year, spiritual director Larry Warner has led two small groups of men and women at Grace Anglican through the adapted spiritual formation exercises in monthly meetings and one-on-one "check in" sessions between small group sessions. The exercises have significantly helped participants to encounter the person of Jesus, to foster a deeper relational knowing of Jesus and to cultivate a greater desire and freedom to say yes to Jesus as a disciple of Christ in community with others.

We invite those longing to know Jesus more deeply, to love Jesus more fully, and to follow Jesus more wholeheartedly in community with others to our orientation session on April 27 for new small groups forming in May 2013. Larry Warner will lead the orientation.

Contact Deacon Sue Bentley at SusanBentley@roadrunner.com for more information or to register for the orientation session.

New Youth Service

6:00 p.m. Saturday, April 13th
At Anglican Church of the
Resurrection in San Marcos. Come for
the Pizza, stay for the service.
Fr. Barry Montgomery will lead.

Save the Date!

**A Time of Liturgical
Contemplation
Friday, April 19th at 7 p.m.
Grace Anglican Church**

Sunday at Grace

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with
Worship Team
9:00 a.m. Children's Church
10:45 a.m. Fellowship and Food

Soaking Prayer

April 10, 2013

6:30 p.m.

Bring a Friend!

Readings for Sunday

Acts 9:1-19a
Psalm 33
Revelation 5:6-14
John 21:1-14

We are using the English Standard
Version of the Bible and the Lectionary
from the Book of Common Prayer
(Year C)

This Week at Grace –Apr. 9 – April 16, 2013

Tues. April 9

11:30 a.m. Rector's Bible Study
4:30 p.m. Healing Prayer & Eucharist at CHC
Tuesday evening classes resume on April 23rd

Wed. April 10

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
3:30 p.m. Alpha Club for Kids
6:30 p.m. **Soaking Prayer**
6:30 p.m. Youth Group

Thurs. April 11

7:00 a.m. Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Sr. Women's Fellowship
11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist at the Oasis
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Fri. April 12

Fr. Joe's Day Off
6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer & Healing

Sat. April 13

8:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Worship Team rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Youth Service - Pizza and Praise at
Anglican Church of the Resurrection in San Marcos

Sun. April 14 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

9:00 a.m. One Service
9:00 a.m. Children's Church
10:45 a.m. Fellowship and Food

Mon. April 15

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer

Tues. April 16

11:30 a.m. Rector's Bible Study
4:30 p.m. Healing Prayer & Eucharist at CHC
Tuesday evening classes resume on April 23rd

Rector's Bible Study

Tuesdays

11:30 a.m.

Fr. Joe is leading the group through a study of
the Book of Isaiah. Everyone is welcome.
B.Y.O.L. (Bring your own lunch)

**Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m.
Morning Prayer At Grace Anglican
All are welcome to attend.**

Weekly – There are over 25 small groups meeting
during the week. Check our newsletter for a list of
all the groups or you can find the list on our website:
www.graceanglicanchurch.com.

Apr. 10 **Soaking Prayer**

Apr. 13 Prayers & Squares – 9:30 a.m.

Apr. 13 Saturday Pizza & Praise – San Marcos

Apr. 19 **A Time of Liturgical Contemplation**

Apr. 20 Men's Fellowship

Apr. 21 Family Friendly Leaders Meet – Noon – 2

Apr. 23 The "I Am" Statements class – 7:00 p.m.

Apr. 24 Alpha Club for Kids

Apr. 27 Men's Bible Study

Apr. 27 Orientation for Journey With Jesus 9:30am

May 3 Anglican Men's Retreat at Forest Home

Note:

**The regular Vestry meeting
scheduled for April 17th at 6:00
p.m. has been postponed until
April 24, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.**